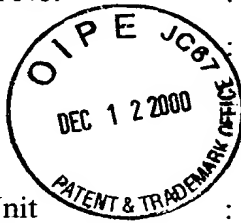


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AMENDMENT AFTER A FINAL OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 10, 2000, the two-month response date for which is December 10, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend, without prejudice, the claims as follows:

13. (Twice Amended) A method for manufacturing a sensing element for determining oxygen content in exhaust gases of an internal combustion engine, comprising the steps of:

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blunting edges of a composite arrangement for use as the sensing element to  
increase a thermal shock resistance of the sensing element; and  
sintering the [a] composite arrangement to yield the sensing element, the  
composite arrangement including at least one ceramic paste present in film form[]; and  
blunting edges of the composite arrangement before sintering to increase a  
thermal shock resistance of the sensing element].

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is an Amendment After A Final Office Action.

While no fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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